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## **Fax Cover Sheet**

**DATE:** August 21, 2006

**TO:** Directors of Health  
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**RE:** CPSC Recall of Fun Express Children's Toys Given Away at Libraries

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### **Message:**

We are forwarding the enclosed CPSC recall of approximately 340,000 toys that are being given away at public libraries. The recalled items contain high levels of lead.

The recalled toys are made of bendable plastic and is in the shape of a brown dog with black ears, paws and feet, a Dalmatian dog with pink paws, a white dog with orange spots, a brown dog with pink paws, a white cat with orange stripes, a brown cat with pink paws, a black cat with pink ears and a white cat with brown spots. The toys are about 3.75 inches tall. The toy's packaging is labeled as item 39/1461-K and 39/1461-KM. (See attached photos.)

The toys were manufactured in China and distributed by Fun Express, Inc. They were a free giveaway by public libraries nationwide as part of reading programs. They were given away from January 2006 through August 2006.

Consumers should immediately take the recalled charms away from children and discard them. For more information, contact Fun Express Inc. at (800) 723-6155 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.funexpress.com](http://www.funexpress.com)

You may also contact the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program staff at (860) 509-7299.

# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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**Firm's Recall Hotline:(800) 723-6155**

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

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### Lead Poisoning Hazard Prompts Recall of Fun Express Children's Toys Given Away at Libraries

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Bendable Dog and Cat Toys

**Units:** About 340,000 toys

**Distributor:** Fun Express Inc., a subsidiary of Oriental Trading Company Inc., of Omaha, Neb.

**Hazard:** The paint on the bendable toys contains excessive levels of lead, which is banned under federal law. Lead is toxic and if ingested by young children can cause adverse health effects.

**Incidents/Injuries:** No incidents or injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recalled toy is made of bendable plastic and is in the shape of a brown dog with black ears, paws and feet, a Dalmatian dog with pink paws, a white dog with orange spots, a brown dog with pink paws, a white cat with orange stripes, a brown cat with pink paws, a black cat with pink ears and a white cat with brown spots. The toys are about 3.75 inches tall. The toy's packaging is labeled as item 39/1461-K and 39/1461-KM.

**Provided through:** This toy was a free giveaway by libraries nationwide as part of reading programs from January 2006 through August 2006.

**Manufactured In:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and discard them.

**Consumer Contact:** For more information, contact Fun Express Inc. at (800) 723-6155 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.funexpress.com](http://www.funexpress.com)



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To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at [www.cpsc.gov/talk.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html). To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to [www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp). Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).